Mr. B. Basavaiya.— Appointments based on relationship should be avoided.

Some preference to backward communities may be shown.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 183.

(1) Increase in the rate of cart-hire.

(2) Impressment of carts.

(1) and (2) Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam taluk; and

(2) Mr. K. Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The present rate of cart hire per mile is 0-1-6 in maidan taluks and 0-3-0 in malnad taluks. This is very low. The rates should be raised to 0-2-0 and 0-4-0 respectively.

(2) The raiyats experience much trouble by their carts being impressed for public use. The practice of securing for public use carts that are moving in roads must be done away with and whenever carts are required they must be got through contractors.

Impressing carts for public purposes in a city like Bangalore is a great hardship on the poor raiyats that bring their carts to Bangalore.

Reply of Government.— (1) Some change is desirable. Noted for consideration.

(2) Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Precautions against fabrication of false accounts by merchants.

Mr. N. Bhima Rao, Chitaldrug municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The merchants and the other money-lenders who rely on accounts may be ordered to keep them in books signed, sealed and numbered by some responsible Government official, so that there may be less room for fabrication of false accounts.

Once a decree is passed in a civil court on a false account, such false decrees are likely to be obtained every year. Some safeguard should be provided.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. Will be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Efficiency of district administration.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The employment of graduates in the offices of Deputy Commissioners and their subordinates may be encouraged as it may reasonably be expected to promote efficiency.

(*b*) Vacancies in all grades (both officers and clerks may be promptly filled up and the number of acting appointments minimised.

(*c*) Non-compliance with orders may be promptly met with swift and severe punishment.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Under consideration.

(*b*) and (*c*).—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Sale of books in Government Book Depot.

Messrs. Syed Peer, Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As much difficulty and delay is being experienced in procuring books from the Government Book Depot, it is prayed that orders may be issued for the prompt supply of books.

Reply of Government.—Government have recently sanctioned the printing of school books in private presses.